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To whom it may concern,

I think the proposed settlement is a bad idea. Microsoft stifles innovation, through it's monopolistic practices. Microsoft seeks to obliterate all competitors, at virtually any cost (and they have the financial means to do so). Microsoft uses it's monopolistic position in one area to spread it's same position to other areas (like online banking, internet connectivity, car and home information, management and entertainment systems, special-purpose embedded computers for manufacturing and commerce, hand held telephones, PDA's, and much more).

This settlement will not stop Microsoft from dominating these industries as well. Microsoft is expert as spreading it's influence into every nook and cranny where a computer (large and small) is used. Face it, every aspect of our lives has now, or is going to be affected by computers - this means Microsoft software.

There are three important world powers: The United States of America, the Peoples Republic of China, and Microsoft. I don;t believe the proposed settlement will be effective at stopping Microsoft's march toward becomming the single most important World Power, and holding all peoples, across all national borders hostage to using it's software, and (here's the dangerous part) and IT'S SOFTWARE ALONE!!!

I'm counting on the US Department of Justice to help prevent this terrible organization from dominating all industries, and peoples. The proposed settlement just doesn't come close to addressing the single largest threat against freedom - Microsoft. For the good of the United States, and all peoples around the world, please rethink the proposed settlement with Microsoft, and work toward a settlement that actually addresses the Microsoft threat, and the Microsoft problem effectively.

Sincerely,

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